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SUBJECT: MSG DESK WINDOWS, DAR ES SALAAM

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1. DISCOLORATION IN PLASTICS IS USUALLY CAUSED BY ACTION IN SUNLIGHT OR PROGRESS WITH AGE OF INTERNAL CHEMICAL REACTIONS. QUESTION OF LAMINATION VS SIMPLE SANDWICH HAS NO BEARING. MANUFACTURER (GENERAL ELECTRIC) ASSURES THAT LEXAN WILL NOT DISCOLOR. WHILE WE ARE NOT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CONVINCED OF THE VALIDITY OF THIS CLAIM, WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH INSTALLATIONS IN MANY LOCATIONS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT DISCOLORATION, IF IT OCCURS, WILL NOT BE SO SEVERE AS TO REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. ALSO LEXAN AS MANUFACTURED HAS SLIGHT TINT.

2. GLASS/LEXAN LAMINATED TRANSPARENCIES ARE EXTREMELY UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPENSIVE AND, FOR YOUR APPLICATION, ARE JUDGED UNNECESSARY. SANDWICH CONSTRUCTION IS RECOMMENDED.

3. SANDWICH INSTALLATION METHOD MUST RESULT IN AIR GAP OF ONE-EIGHTH INCH OR SO BETWEEN GLASS AND LEXAN. IF GLASS IS PLACED IN CONTACT WITH LEXAN, OPTICAL EFFECTS MAY RESULT IN NOTICEABLE AND DISTRACTING PATTERNS. EDGES MUST BE SEALED

TO PREVENT ENTRY OF DIRT AND MOISTURE AFTER INSTALLATION.

4. SAFETY GLASS USED MUST BE LAMINATED CONSTRUCTION VICE
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